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THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

In the absence of an expected letter, we glean from English Methoddist papers some notes of Conference transactions which we believe will be of interest.

A glance at the highly complimentary expressions which accompany the votes of thanks to Conference officials, shows that our English fathers and brethren do not intend to keep kind words for ears closed by death. At times the expressions of standards of the Church of which he was regard seem fulsome, but it should be minister, and was felt that ei, her he remembered that thanks and complimust resign or some decisive step must ments are about all that certain busy be taken by the Conference. Dr. men get for work for which profession-Osborn and some others who justly al men would receive very large felt aggrieved that any man should amounts. Methodism has too often seek to remain a minister of a Church worked her willing sons into an early when out of harmony with her doc. rinal grave. She would do wisely to imitate standards, favored expulsion, but the state by making better provision it was finally decided, almost unfor them while living, and saying less animously. to place Mr. Frankland about them at death. Another glance on the supernumerary list, with the is suggestive of the careful provision condition that he should not preach made for English circuits during the in our pulpits or in any way disseminsession of Conference. Even Mark ate his opinions among our people. Guy Pearse was not at Burslem to acknowledge verbally his election into the Legal Hundred. "I would come in person," he wrote, "to tender my At this season a serious question thanks, but must ask for a dispensaconcerns many parents. Starting as they some day mark that the boys and tion from personal attendance, as my superintendent is necessarily at Bursgirls in their homes are nearly as tall as themselves, they awake to the conlem." Ministers in our cities may possibly learn something from Mr. viction that the important subject of their higher education can no longer Pearse's note. The " roll of the dead" is made up. be postponed. If postponed it must

the Watchman remarks, "of men who be for ever. In a few years-apparhave won a good degree among the workently very short years-the cares of manhood or womanhood will be upon ing pastors of Methodism." Only two them, and failure now can only be names on the list are familiar to any followed by the regrets of a lifetime. great number of our readers-those of Charles Churchill and George Butch-Where shall I educate my children ? er. Of the first of these the District asks some anxious parent. Methomemorial says that "throughout his dists, at least, should have no trouble last illness he was full of adoration in answering this question. It has and love of the Saviour ;" and of the been solved for them by the erection of our college and academies at Sack second and younger of the two, that ville, whose educational record is one "his last public effort was in favor of the temperance cause. He died in to which any denomination might point with the highest satisfaction. triumph." In the list appears also the name of Dr. Robinson Scott, of | For the bright boys or girls at their Ireland, one of those able and devoted fireside parents can find no better pure and sincere in their lives. It is elling expenses must come, is the whom Irish Presbyterianism has schools than those at Mount Allison. so we know in the British army and large sum of \$650." We could name given to the Methodism of the world, for the influence of men like Robinson Scott and William Arthur, and our own Matthew Richey, cannot be confined to any one narrow sphere. During the six years which he spent in soliciting aid in the United States and Canada for the extension of the work in Ireland, Dr. Scott visited these Provinces. There was also the the name of Thomas Hughes, which has pathetic interest. English Methodists, now grown bolder, can question, however unwisely, the wisdom of the established test of church membership : for aspiring to be leader of some who earlier had their doubts, Thomas Hughes, whom nature had scarcely fitted for such work, found it necessary to go into retirement. When the problem of membership comes up for solution, as come it will among our English brethren, he will be rememb red. Of another deceased minister, the brother of the Rev. James A. Duke, of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, a minister quoted a remark we cannot forbear to repeat : "Mr. Duke never preaches but he has got hooks in his sermons, and they lay hold of somebody." A homely description of a structor in the chair rather than the true fisher of men ! At the Burslem Conference of 1870 the writer saw William Arthur for the first time, and wasstruck by the instantaneous quiet which a few words from his lips produced in a somewhat noisy gathering. He is absent this year, as is also George Olver, from ill-health, but men of ability are always found at the fore in English Methodism as they are needed. To be young seems less a crime than once it was on the floors of Conference. A marked proof of this is shown in the election of Joseph Agar Beet to the important post of Theological tutor at Richmond. from which the veteran Dr. Osborn. by his own choice, has just stepped down. To be the successor of Thomas Jackson, John Lomas and Dr. Osborn. is to take no easy task, and yet Mr. Beet, who has not yet reached the meridian of life, and whom Ebenezer Jenkins in urging his election called "an enthusiastic child in the study of the Scriptures," has been elected to any of her Majesty's Colonial Posses. popular inland watering-place in Yorktake Dr. Osborn's place by a majority ions." Subsequently naturalized for- shire. The minister was present, but of 23 votes above his nearest competi- eigners were admitted on the same the ceremony could not be performed tor. Marshall Randles. It should be terms as natural born subjects of the because the registrar, who resides in observed, however, that only the evi- Crown. At present there are one a neighboring town, had a defective dent necessity of retaining Dr. hundred and forty Knights Command- memory. The Nonconformists of

tion at Cambridge, prevented his nomwho have really distinguished themination and probable election to the selves or have rendered important services to the Crown. There are A painful duty lay before the Contwelve Canadians among the Kuights ference in connection with the name Commander and two among the of the Rev. W. J. Frankland, who Knights Grand Cross. The motto of had for sometime definitely held the Order is auspicium melioris æri (a pledge of better times). Of the polithe views known as "Conditional Immortality," according to which it tical services of Canadians thus hontaught that after a period of punishored it is scarcely our place to speak. ment the wicked will pass out of exbut, with no Republican tendencies istence. For some years his case had to prompt the remark, we may exbeen considered and reconsidered, and press the opinion that these titles and delay had been granted in the hope distinctions seem to be somewhat out that with time for careful consideraof keeping with the freshness and tion no further official action would freedom and equality of the new be necessary. It was found that he We admire such as have had world the good taste to decline accepting came no nearer in accord with the

them

With the collapse of the Egyptian Conference has come a change of front on the part of Mr. Gladstone. He has no doubt had private sources of information respecting Gordon, and has therefore been bold to brave public opinion. Gladstone sits in his seat more firmly than he did a few weeks ago. A correspondent of a Liverpool paper gives this incident of the great procession in London :

It was a great problem as to how the Premier was to get from his house in Downing street to his seat on the Treasury bench. He could

not drive, as all vehicular traffic was stopped. There was nothing for him but to walk, and at twenty minutes past four he set out on the journey. As soon as he turned the corner to get into Parliament street he was recognised with a joyous shout. Without waiting for the interposition of the policemen, the crowd fell back right and left, leaving a lane through which he passed walking bareheaded, in acknowledgement of such a reception as a public man rarely receives; the procession moving slowly northward up Parliament street, cheering and waving hats as they passed. The crowd on the pavement and in the roadway took np the cheers, and through the hurly burly walked the Premier bare headed, bowing and The cheers continued all smiling. the way down to Palace-yard, the crowd leaving him there with a shout that was heard within the walls of the House.'

In spite of many failures, the world expects Methodists to be singularly

One often meets with incidents in which rebuke us for the slight value we attach to friends and home. In one American city not long since a lady asked a young woman in a large store, "Where are you going to take your vacation ?" She knew the firm gave two weeks to all their employes every season. "I do not expect to go anywhere; I have no place to go she answered, in a lonely tone. to." Such cases, it is probable, are by no means rare. But residents of large cities become acquainted with experiences of a type still more sad. Only a few days ago, as a New York policeman was about to close the gates of a public square, he noticed a woman leaning against a bench. Going up to her he inquired if she was sick, and offered to assist her out of the square.

She turned towards him and fell. He raised her up and she said, "I have no home," and fell dead at his feet. Her clothing was old and worn, and there was nothing about her by which she could be identified. ambulance took her to the Morgue.

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In reference to a statement in the London World that one of his sons was about to enter the ministry of the English Episcopal Church, the Rev. Charles Garreit writes : "The statement is wholly untrue. I am thankful to say that all my children are hearty Methodists." This statement reminds us of another which recently appeared in an Episcopal contemporary, in which was a list of names of sons of prominent Methodist ministers who had, through university influences, turned their backs on the Church of their fathers. Years ago we heard of one of these cases, and of the father's reply, in answer to inthat his son was "not fit for a Methodist minister !"

The Mission Work of Albany (Episcopal) thinks the following somewhat remarkable : "One of our missionaries travelled last year by waggon and sleigh one thousand miles, in care of his two stations. This year his plans are for something more than nineteen hundred by car and waggon. His salary, out of which much of his trav-

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

The Campbellton mission is comparatively new in the history of Methodism. It is only a few years since Campbellton was noticed in our Conference minutes as the head-quarters of a missionary. Its membership now is about 50, with good facilities for extension.

We arrived here on the 18th ult. and were kindly and generously received. The only drawback seems to be the want of a good parsonage, and this we are making special efforts to obtain, trustful that we shall succeed. as all our friends appear specially interested. Their loyal undertaking of this project is a sufficient guarantee that they will accomplish the end. The building of a new and more commodious church is under contemplation.

AN OLD MISSIONARY.

The Rev. David Jennings, who was for many years a missionary on this fied common sense. Zech. 14: 6-7. northern shore, and afterwards in Cape Breton, is now paying us a short visit, and is announced to preach for us to morrow evening. Father Jenwho took part in the services were nings is on his way to Halifax, and it Revs. J. V. Jost, J. W. Tredrea, G. s probable he will spend the balance Steel, and W. H. Spargo. Collections for the day amounted to \$65. On of his life with his nearest relative the following day the old Methodist there. He is a supernumerary minister of the Toronto Conference. and church was sold for \$50. Then in the although quite aged, is vigorous and evening about \$100 more was subscribed. These sums with others active, and promises to be of much bring up the total amount obtained value to any of our circuits or misand promised to about \$250 of the He entered on missionary sions. work in 1836, and in 1844 went to the \$350 required. This appointment will now belong West. With our respected fathersentirely to Little York, thereby Snowball, Smallwood, Daniel, Sutcliffe, greatly strengthening it and without Drs. Rice and Wood, and others. he imposing additional labor on its minis especially familiar, and speaks of ister, while Winsloe circuit, from them all with the kindest recollections.

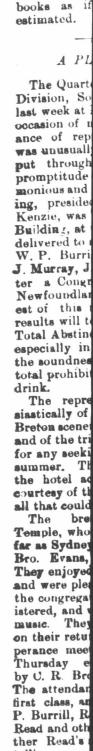
I shall do my utmost to increase our WESLEYAN subscription list on this mission. The B. A. B. and T. Society's agent, Mr. Sutcliffe, has been here on a convass, and got about \$50 in cash in aid of that institution. Why does not the WESLEYAN office adopt new departure. the same measures ?

C. W. D. Campbellton, N.B., Aug. 9, 1884.

VERNON RIVER, P. R. I.

To most of your readers this is a new circuit. It 1s, however, well known to the members of the late Bible Christian Church. Here for many years lived and labored the pioneer missionary of the Bible Christian Church on the Island-the late Francis Metherell. During his residence here one Mr. Laird, a U. E. Loyalist, gave to the Bible Christians for the use of the ministers stationed here a grant of land to the extent of twelve acres. Five acres have been recently sold, leaving seven

friendly conversation resolved to close and sell the Methodist church. It was also decided to thoroughly repair and renovate the Bible Christian church. During several weeks the building was closed until said work was performed. July the 6th, thea, is the day that marks the commencement of the new order. Rev. S. H. Rice was the preacher in the morning. His sermon was full of practical thoughts couched in forceful language. The faith of Noah and its results gave him an excellent subject. The Rev. A. W. Mahon, B. A., Presbyterian. preached a sermon of great beauty of thought, clothed in most choice language. His subject was Christ the Light of the world. In the morning the congregation was not so large because of the threatening aspect of the clouds, but the church was well tilled in the afternoon. Rev. J. Bur. wash, A. M., preached a masterly discourse in the evening. He excelled himself in giving expression to sanctiwas his text. The crush was so great in the evening that many could not obtain admittance. Other ministers



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which it has been taken, will be strengthened by the addition of what was previously the Wheatley River mission. By this arrangement the labors of one minister will be saved, and two fairly strong circuits will be made. May prosperity attend the G S. A RARE GIFT. The other day, in the English Conference, the Rev. Dr. Rigg gave a description of the immense library which has recently been presented to the English Wesleyans. The donor

is native of Yorkshire, and a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, now aged 84. Dr. Rigg stated :-He said he wished at once to present

these books to the Methodist Connexion, and brought this catalogue. There were not fewer than 10,000 acres belonging to the parsonage now. volumes. Afterward he gave me another catalogue-still larger than

Very slight inquiry as to the present position of the youth who have been graduated at our college must satisfy young men that there they may find such advantages as have prepared their fellows to go forth and stand upon the high places. Some words of Southern Methodist paper on this subject are worth serious thought :

WHICH SCHOOL ?

The what and the how of education are little thought of by the average parent, as compared with the when. It is a point of conscience and judgmeat that the time should be spent at school, without considering how, and amid what influences and associations. But the latter may be vastly more important. Indeed, it may be better to have no education than a training by certain hands and in certain environments. Ignorance is far preferable to a poisoned and poisonous scholastic discipline. Ambitious, wealthy parents have sent their sons abroad devout.

home-trained Christians, to see them return egotistical rationalists and vain babblers. The so-called higher education was a perilous experiment. What they gained in University eclat they lost in Christian character and common sense.

Atmosphere is more valuable than a curriculum. Teachers are studied more and more carefully than textbooks, so the Christian parent is desirous of knowing the life of the incharacter of the book in the child's hand. Every institution has its own moral atmosphere, created and preserved by its faculty. What that is parents should know before venturing their children away from home. First and foremost, let it be ascertained. Do not sacrifice everything to the matter of expense. Cheapness now may in the end be very costly. In saving cash you may lose character.

The creation of a another Canadian Knight of the "Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George' was recently announced. This Order was instituted in 1818 for natives of the Ionian Islandsand of Malta, and for British subjects distinguished in connection with those islands, or with his Majesty's service in the Mediterran-

ean. In 1868 the Order was reorganized so as to admit such natural born British subjects "as might be persons of conspicuous merit or have rendered important services to the a number of friends, presented them-Crown within or in connection with Moulton in his present important posi- er of the Order, among them men England are a patient people !

navy; it is so almost everywhere in civil life. The New Orleans Advocate gives an illustration in point :--

We heard, a few days ago, this striking tribute to the virtue of Methodist citizenship. A sprightly young attorney was employed for the defense in some ugly whiskey cases. When the jury was called he remarked to his associate counsel that they would have to sift that jury. "Why?" said

his associate. "They seem to be most excellent men. What is the matter with them ?" He replied What is the Don't you see those nine Methodists in that jury? They will convict our man sure." So by legal quibbling, man sure. manipulation, and exhausting the peremptory challenges allowed by law, he eliminated every Methodist, and fixed up a jury to his notion. Result : The defendant was acquitted, the law put at defiance, and a criminal went unwhipped of justice. But what a tribute to the Methodists !

The "Nursing Sisters of St. John the Divine," an English Episcopal organization, have now five sisters and five nurses in Maritoba. The Church Guardian states that "Sister Anna, accompanied by two nurses, has gone to Brandon, to open the Branch there by starting a cottage hospital. Sister Dorothy and Sister Bessie, with three nurses, will remain in Winnipeg. Sister Aimee, the Assistant Superior, will oversee the work until it is well established, and then, to the great regret of all who know her, will return to England." decidedly Romish flavor. It reminds the writer of the difficulty he found in England in distinguishing between

the garb of the Episcopal "sisters" and the Roman Catholic "sisters." Both wear a sort of "mortification" suit of black ; both wear crosses. It is evident that the Christian service of woman will be in the future more carefully organized than in the past. but is there not a more excellent way than this ?

Some change is sorely needed in English marriage laws. Two or three weeks ago a couple, accompanied by selves at a Wesleyan church in a

a minister, not outside of our office, who kept a minute of his journeys during a year on a single circuit in New Brunswick until he had trav. elled more than five thousand miles. when he gave it up. And his salary, including everything, was far below the sum just named.

The state of affairs in Ireland is evidently improving. In some parts the police force is much reduced. There is no doubt that Irish Metho dists have done their full share in contributing to the prosperity, purity "You and peace of the country. would require," said the Rev. James Donelly, Secretary of the Irish Conference, at the open session of the English Conference a few days ago, "a lighted candle to search from one end of my country to another to find

out a gisaffected member of the Methodist body towards the British Crown.' No wonder that such sentiments should receive rounds of applause.

A correspondent of the Methodist Recorder writes :-

In many of our chapels I fear sufficient care is not taken to prevent the pulpit announcements from degenerating into advertisements. Especially is this the case when there is a tea-meeting or anniversary service at a distance. Within the last two months I have heard several advertisement-announcements of this sort, one even going so far as to advertise the opening of a new railway on the following About this statement there is a day. It would be much better, I think, to refer to bills which are generally posted about.

This caution is not unnecessary in the Maritime Provinces.

Our faithful friend, Mr. Joseph Laurence, of East Keswick College, Leeds, writes to the Methodist Recorder. under the heading of "Young Preachers for Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and the United States," that he has " been requested by the Presidents of the above named Methodist Conferences, presiding elders, &c., to for applications.

Many of the London street-cars, met together in regular services, great Confessions of Fai:b-and of which run on more than 400 routes and carry 75,000,000 of people a year, have texts of Scripture neatly posted ed for the purpose.

parsonage on the Island connected the former. That was a catalogue of with the B. C. Church. The original dissertations and orations prepared building has been replaced by a small during the two centuries between 1650 but comfortable house erected during and 1850, and either delivered or the superintendency of my immediate predecessor, the Rev. J. Ball. Pleas. antly situated and fairly well furnished, it makes a most comfortable home for the minister. The name of the Rev. John Butcher is often mentioned on this circuit. On three different occasions he was stationed here. No minister is more pleasantly and profitably remembered than he is. His simple-hearted Christian conduct endeared him to all. The names of

ernon River circuit built the first

other good men and true that have labored here will not soon be forgotten. Many of the friends on this circuit

did not vote for union. But now that union is an accomplished fact, all are united to carry on the work of God. From all we have received a most cordial welcome. Many have seemed to vie with each other in showing us kindness. The more immediate friends of the cause have labored and given with true Christian liberality. The three appointments of Vernon

River, Cherry Valley and Murray Harbor Road, which composed the former B. C. circuit, have been augmented by the addition of Vernon Road from the Montague circuit. Here we have some families who have been tried and not found wanting in love for our cause. Some are doubtful whether or not this is the best possible arrangement of circuits in this section. But most of the people seem to be willing to give the present decision a fair trial. Even with the addition of Union Road this circuit gives no more than full work to a minister of average strength. GEORGE STEEL.

Vernon River Bridge, Aug. 8th, '84.

UNION ROAD, P. E. I.

published during that period. They were collected at Amsterdam, and represented the theological literature of the Netherlands, Germany, and Switzerland. In this second catalogue there cannot be fewer than 13,000 dissertations. And these dissertations and orations, or discourses, contain investigations on almost every difficult text or difficult and curious point of theology as they were treated by the theologians of those countries during those two centuries. Besides that there is another catalogue, which he Dr. Rigg) had not seen, which was included in one of the cases in which the books were. That catalogue, he supposed, was about as large as the one he held in his hand. This third catalogue was entitled Corpus Dissertationum Theologicarum Germania. These dissertations were collected in Germany, he thought at Leipsic. There were besides a very considerable number of vols. upon linguistic subjects, and there were also medals and medallions. &c. &c., which this gentleman had been collecting for many years, and when collected had consigned for safe keeping to certain booksellers, and afterwards to a London warehouse. They filled 180 cases besides a safe, and were deposited in certain rooms in Upper Baker street. He would now give a slight sketch of the contents of the first volume of these three columns, containing, as he had intimated, some 10,000 vols. There were all the works of Augustine, with many parts of his works in different forms-works of Chrysostom, Athanasius, Anselm, and Thomas Aquinas, in large and fine editions, and many other famous patristic and mediæval writers, including Abelard and his successors, of which there were many volumes. If they left the mediæval times and came down to the Reformation they Sabbath, July the 6th, marks an would find the works of all the great important day in the history of our Reformers, and of the most influencause at this place, which is in the tial followers of the Reformers-the Little York circuit. For many years | consecutive works of the most distintwo churches-one a Methodist and guished writers on Protestant theology the other a Bible Christian-had been | for a century and a half. If they regularly open every Sabbath for came to English theology the collection religious services to minister to the contained many treasures of Elizawants of less than a score of families. | bethan theology. The collection, Often two sermons and not seldom however, was not so rich in High three on one day had been preached Church literature of the Stuart times to this people. And though of late as in other respects. His venerable years all feeling of envy and rivalry friend did not like the High Church obtain and send out over thirty young had almost disappeared, "it was not except at a distance. They had preachers," and he accordingly asks ever thus." During recent years the all the great controversies connected members of the two churches had with the various Popes well illusoften been united in conducting trated. There were also many volspecial services and had constantly unes of the Acts of Councils-of the

scarcely knowing the difference be-Catechisms, and much Liturgical litertween " mine and thine." ature. If they came lower down they found there was a very considerable But the union made it possible to up in them, at an annual cost of two close one of these churches. So, early collection of modern theology. John Wesley's hymns, sermons, and works and a half dollars for each. This is in the spring, the trustees of the two, the work of a London association form. together with the Revs. J. W. Tred were to be found in the earlier rea and G. Steel, met and after some editions; also Wesley's Christian.

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